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Sir:

This is our response to the office action of 09/23/04 with respect to aforementioned patent application NO. 09/944,605.

We have carefully analyzed all the claims on file and compared each claim with the drawings, which are now on file. First of all, we preliminary elected Claims 1 to 50 that relate to the apparatus, so Claim 51 is withdrawn from examination.

Further, in compliance with the Examiner's request and based on the information obtained from the Examiner in the telephone interview, we tried to elect species recommended by the Examiner from the set of Claims 1 to 50 that relate to the soft-touch gripping mechanism. We also assigned the drawings to different claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 relate to all drawings (Figs. 1 to Fig. 14).

Subordinate Claims 9-12 relate specifically to the embodiment of Fig. 14.



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Claims 13-20 are general and disclose position of various sensors.

Claim 21 is an independent Claim that relates to all Figures 1 to 14, except for Fig. 12.

Claims 22-34 are dependent claims that relate to Fig. 12.

Claim 35 was erroneously made dependent on Claim 28, while in fact this embodiment should be related to Claim 1 and is illustrated in Fig. 11. Please change dependence of Claim 35 from Claim 28 to Claim 1. Thus Claim 35 to Claim 40 correspond to Fig. 11.

Claim 41, which is illustrated by Fig. 12, was erroneously made dependent on Claim 28 but must be subordinate to Claim 35. Thus Claims 41 to 46 and Claim 50 correspond to Fig. 12.

Claims 47 to 49 are general and relate to position sensors of all the embodiments except for the one shown in Fig. 12.

Claim 50 corresponds to Fig. 12.

We also submit the Amendment for renumbering dependence of Claims 35 and 41.

Based on the above, we elect for examination the embodiment that corresponds to the following Claims:

Claims 1-21, Claims 35 to 40, and Claims 47-49.

Claims 22-34, 41-46, and 50 are withdrawn from examination.

Very respectfully,

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Amendment A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 09/23/2004, please amend the above application as follows:

CLAIMS: Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this amendment.

REMARKS: Remarks begin on page 3 of this amendment.